STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

25th JUDICIAL DISTRICT



IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

IN THE MATTER CONCERNING THE USE OF CELL PHONES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS OF THE 25TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT BURKE, CALDWELL, and CATAWBA COUNTIES

THIS MATTER came on before the undersigned Chief District Court Judge concerning the possession and use of cell phones, other electronic devices and other personal communication devices in the District Courts of 25th Judicial District.

IT APPEARING TO THE COURT that the North Carolina Courts are returning to general operations pursuant to the order of the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court issued on June 21, 2021;

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that the need for more liberal use of cell phones in the District Courts is no longer necessary;

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that reinstituting the previous Administrative Order for the District Courts regarding cell phones, electronic devices and other personal communication devices in the courtrooms is necessary to minimize any unauthorized photography and/or recording in the court setting and reduce any injury, interruptions and disruptions;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

- 1. The current May 2020 pandemic based Administrative Orders (Burke 20R190; Caldwell 20R297; Catawba 20R165) allowing the broad use of such devices in the District Courts of Burke, Caldwell and Catawba counties are no longer appropriate are hereby rescinded on June 27, 2021;
- 2. The prior filed Administrative Order regarding Cell Phones, Electronic Devices and other personal communication devices in the District Court Courtrooms filed in 2016 (Burke 16R142; Caldwell 16R1548; Catawba 16R91) shall once again be in effect on June 28, 2021 and is attached to this order for reference.

ENTERED, this the 23rd day of June 2021.

Burford A. Cherry

Chief District Court Judge

25th Judicial District